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to

RECORD OF TRIAL (5th Original Copy)

in the case of

UNITED STATES

VS

#### KUNIICHI ARAKI

Case Docket No.45

MILITARY COMMISSION

Appointed by

Commanding General, Eighth Army

Tried at Yokohama Japan TO

: Commanding Coneral, EIGHTH ARMY

FROM : Hisatero Imakawa ... of arrairs.

DATED : July, 1946

Hokkaido, Sorachi Gun, Akahira Machi

Caza Toyosato, No. 75 money July 1845

SURJECT : Petition

REGISTERED DOMICILE: Hokkaide, Rumoi Gun, Rumoi Machi

Oasa Rumoi Mura, Harano Koronuka San Sen, No.18

and a reduction of his contemp.

HEAD OF THE FAMILY : Araki, Kuniroku (eldest son)

(TH: present)

Areki, Kunilchi(EL DEST SON) Born: April 24, 1915

The above person was the former army medical lst Sergeant of the first section at the Hakodate P. W. Camp. He was taken into custody as a war criminal at the constant of hostilities while he was still in service and was confined to the Sugamo Prison. I could not imagine that he would be condemned to hang by the Yekohama area Court last June 18th. I have been a neighbor of the person concerned from the very first and have been in acquaintance with him for a long time. It was a surprise to us who have known him since childhood to hear about his plight.

Subject person, whose native home is in a farming village of RUMOI MACHI? OAZA HOROMUKA is the eldest son of the Araki family. From childhood he had a mild disposition and is a young man, sincere, cordial, and just in all matters. He was always loved by the villagers and was a model youth for all the villages; with that background of affectionate love, it was natural for him even as a conscripted recruit to be that way. Because his social status as an eldest son was to foster the household, it caused him to refuse to volunteer as a soldier. His character and the right for his present plight under present day difficulties in livelihood of his household has always been respected and held in affection by us as well as by his children and young wife awaiting his return home. At this time there are no words that can console this state of grievance. This matter concerns the whole life af a family of four people who are now living day after day in sorrow.

Please bestow sympathy upon this state of affairs. I appeal for a special investigation and a reduction of his sentence.

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